

# Purchasing of Energy Efficient Products

Federal Energy Management Program

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### Audit Report on "The Department of Energy's Program to Assist Federal Buyers in the Purchasing of Energy Efficient Products"

# Opportunities to improve FEMP's standard setting and maintenance efforts:

- Maintain up-to-date energy efficiency specifications;
- Pursue the development of new energy efficiency specifications; and,
- Effectively manage relevant contractor efforts essential to the Program.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS



- 1. Take the necessary steps to ensure that FEMP has the resources needed to meet mission objectives;
- 2. Develop policies and procedures for reviewing Federal procurement patterns, adding new products, and evaluating and updating product specifications;
- 3. Ensure that work authorizations are administered in accordance with Departmental Orders, including developing detailed statements of work, requiring deliverables and reviewing work performed; and,
- 4. Coordinate with ENERGY STAR officials to ensure that efforts to provide energy efficiency specifications are not duplicated.

#### **AUDITOR RESPONSE**



Management's planned actions are responsive to our recommendations and, if successfully implemented, should improve the Department's ability to provide up-to-date product energy efficiency information to the Federal procurement community.

## FY 2010 funding supports the following activities:



- Revision or update of FEMP-Designated products and a smaller number of other high-priority products on a two-year cycle;
- Actions to address all recommendations of the IG report;
- Development of a detailed priority assessment of current products;
- Discontinuation of some product specifications, and the addition of new products will be considered; and
- Assessment of Federal compliance with the procurement mandates, in accordance with IG recommendations, and following a preliminary assessment completed in FY 2008.



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